

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 14 and 15 are now presented for examination.. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention, in terms which distinguish over the art of record. Claims 1 and 9 are the only independent claims.

Claims 1-4, 6, 9, 14 and 15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,769,374 (Martin et al.). Claim 5 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Martin et al. in view of U.S. Patent 4,676,567 (Mouchi). Claims 7 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Martin et al. With regard to the claims as currently amended, these rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 1 as currently amended is directed to an image display system in which an image display apparatus is provided with a first electrode. A peripheral device, provided with a second electrode, can be mounted onto the image display apparatus. A guide directs a path when the mounting position of the peripheral device on the display apparatus is changed. The first electrode is placed in such a way as to directly contact the second electrode by positioning the peripheral device to any of plural mounting positions along the guide.

Independent Claim 9 as currently amended is directed to image display apparatus capable of mounting a peripheral device in which a guide directs the path when a mounting position of the peripheral device on the image display apparatus is changed. An electrode of the image display device contacts an electrode provided on the peripheral device. The electrode of the image display device is placed in such a way as to directly contact the electrode of the peripheral device by positioning the peripheral device to any of plural positions along the guide.

In Applicant's view, Martin et al. discloses a mounting arrangement for a peripheral device on a computer monitor screen that is surrounded by a generally rectangular monitor housing frame portion having an outer peripheral side edge disposed generally perpendicularly to the screen, and a rear side edge area disposed generally parallel to the screen. A mounting groove is formed in and extends continuously around the peripheral frame side edge, and a spaced series of mounting holes extend around the length of the rear side edge area. The computer peripheral device has a body portion from which a spline outwardly projects, and a mounting flange portion with a spaced pair of holes formed therein and alignable with a selected pair of the frame mounting holes. The peripheral device may be removably mounted on a selectively variable position on the screen frame portion by inserting the spline into the frame groove and inserting suitable fastening members inwardly through the mounting flange holes and into the frame mounting holes aligned therewith. The peripheral device mounting flange is adjustable to compensate for width variations along the screen frame portion, and auxiliary support pins are provided that may be inserted into vacant screen frame mounting holes to act as wiring supports upon which wiring from the mounted peripheral device may be rested to route the wiring from the peripheral device to a suitable source of power and at the same time at least partially conceal the wiring from view from the front of the monitor.

In accordance with the invention of Claims 1 and 9, the electrode of an image display device is placed so as to directly contact the electrode of a peripheral device by positioning the peripheral device to any of plural mounting positions along a guide that directs a path when the mounting position of the peripheral device on the image display device is changed. Advantageously, the peripheral device may be mounted at a selectable one of plural mounting

positions on the image display device with direct contact between electrodes of the peripheral device and the image display device for signals or power without any need for external cables.

Martin et al. may disclose a structure for mounting a computer peripheral device at selectively variable locations on a display monitor. As clearly shown in Fig. 3 of Martin et al., the computer peripheral device is connected to a cable source on the monitor by a cable 62 which may be run along side surface with plastic cable routing an support pins 64 (see lines 50-67 of column 4). Accordingly, the Martin et al. arrangement requires a cable run on the outside of the monitor between a cable source on the monitor and the mounted peripheral device.

In contrast to Martin et al., it is a feature of Claims 1 and 9 that an electrode of an image display apparatus is placed to directly contact an electrode of a peripheral device mounted on the image display device by positioning the peripheral device to any of plural positions along a guide that directs the path when the mounting position of the peripheral device is changed.

Martin et al. is devoid of any disclosure of direct contact between a peripheral device electrode and an image display device electrode made by positioning the peripheral device to any of plural positions along a peripheral device guide on the image display device. It is therefore not seen that Martin et al. in any way teaches or suggests the such direct contact between peripheral device and image display device electrodes at plural peripheral device mounting positions on the image display device as in Claims 1 and 9. It is therefore believed that Claims 1 and 9 as currently amended are completely distinguished from Martin et al. and are allowable.

For the above reasons, Applicants submit that independent Claims 1 and 9 are allowable over the cited art.

Claims 2 to 8, 14 and 15 depend from Claims 1 and 9 and are believed allowable for the same reasons. Moreover, each of these dependent claims recites additional features in combination with the features of independent Claim 1, and is believed allowable in its own right. Individual consideration of the dependent claims respectfully is requested.

Applicant believes that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action, and submits that the application is in allowable form. Favorable reconsideration of the claims and passage to issue of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience earnestly are solicited.

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